# **Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission**

Minutes of Public Session September 23, 2021

# **PUBLIC SESSION**

## I. Call to Order

The September 23, 2021 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission was called to order by Chair Nathan at approximately 9:23 a.m. via a Cisco Webex video conference at the Central City Gaming Office at 350 West Carr Ave., Cripple Creek, CO 80813. Commissioners Armstrong, Coleman, Davis, and Landaveri were present and a quorum existed.

## Officials & Administrators in Attendance

Richard Nathan, Chair

Justin Davis, Vice-Chair

Patsy Landaveri, Commissioner

Shawn Coleman, Commissioner

Kevin Armstrong, Commissioner via Cisco Webex

Dan Hartman, Director

Kirsten Gregg, Chief of Investigations

Matt Heap, Chief of Sports Betting Investigations

Torrey Samson, Assistant Attorney General

Bradford Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor

Suzanne Karrer, Communications Manager

John Madruga, Agent in Charge

Brett Buckingham, Supervisory Investigator

Eric Shannon, Deputy Controller

Breanne Nolan, Assistant to the Director, Secretary to the Commission

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission voted unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to sections 24-6-402(3)(a) (III), 44-30-521(1)(a), 44-30-526(1)(d), and 44-30-1507 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to review confidential background licensing reports from the Division of Gaming that were scheduled for consideration in the Public Session as well as review a confidential audit report from the Division of Gaming.

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## II. Approval of Licensing Actions

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of the Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses for NRT Technologies, Inc., NRT Technology Corporation, and Gemini Gaming, Inc.

d/b/a Bull Durham Saloon and Casino. These Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses will expire two years from the current dates of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal of Retail and Master Licenses for Gemini Gaming, Inc. d/b/a Bull Durham Saloon and Casino. These Retail and Master Licenses will expire two years from the current dates of expiration.

The issuance of the above Master license does not concurrently grant approval to entities or individuals with whom this licensee has entered into, or considered entering into contracts for sports betting operations or internet sports betting operations; nor does it preclude any entities or individuals from being called forward by the Division to conduct a comprehensive background investigation regarding their suitability to operate in Colorado.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Renewal and Change of Ownership of the Operator and Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses for Novomatic Americas Sales LLC. The Operator and Manufacturer/Distributor Licenses will expire two years from the current dates of expiration.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the First Vendor Minor Licenses for: Leanplum, Inc.; G DESIGNS STUDIOS, INC.; 247 Group, LLC d/b/a Laundry Service; Dog Tech LLC; Hedge, Inc. d/b/a Hedge; Sift Science, Inc. d/b/a Sift; Deadlock Management LLC; Graphyte Ltd; International Betting Integrity Association; and Upper 9 Media LLC d/b/a Odds Assist. These Vendor Minor Licenses will expire 2 years from the dates of issuance.

# III. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

The Chair extended an opportunity for the public to address the Commission. No members of the public addressed the Commission.

## IV. Consideration of Division Limited Gaming Financial Statement for July 2021

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Gaming Revenues, Gaming Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the one month ending on July 31, 2021 and to authorize its distribution.

## V. Consideration of Division Sports Betting Financial Statement for July 2021

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Sports Betting Revenues, Taxes, and Expenditures (unaudited) for the one month ending on July 31, 2021 and to authorize its distribution.

## VII. Certification of Fiscal Year 2021 Sports Betting Fund Distribution

Vickie Floyd, Controller, Division of Gaming, presented the fiscal year 2021 Colorado Sports Betting Fund Distribution.

Discussion was had by the Commission, Ms. Floyd, and Director Hartman.

The Commission voted unanimously to certify the fiscal year 2021 distribution of the Sports Betting fund as presented by the Division.

## **VII. Presentations from Sports Betting Fund Distribution Recipients**

Anna Mauss, Chief Operating Officer, Colorado Water Conservation Board, gave a presentation regarding current water related projects, with cost projections, going on in the state of Colorado.

Mary McMahon, Manager, CAC Clinical Training Program and Workforce, Office of Behavioral Health, gave a presentation outlining the responsible gaming program to be created through the use of funds from the sports betting distribution for fiscal year 2021. Discussion was had by the Commission and Ms. McMahon regarding the future of problem gaming support to be provided by the Office of Behavioral Health.

Discussion was had by Peggy Brown, Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado, the Commission, and Director Hartman on the issue of gaming addiction and responsible gaming, including gaming advertisements, in Colorado.

# VIII. Consideration of Rules 3, 8, 10, 14, 22, 23, 26, 27 & 28

The Commission voted unanimously to open the hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 3, 8, 10, 14, 22, 23, 26, 27 & 28.

Chris Seal, Investigator, and Bradley Nelson, Agent in Charge, gave a presentation on Rules 3, 8, 10, 22, 23, 26, 27 & 28.

Paul Hogan, Chief Auditor, gave a presentation regarding Rule 14. Discussion was had by the Commission, Mr. Hogan, and Director Hartman.

Daniel Miera, City Manager, City of Central, discussed his concerns with Rule 14 with the Commission. Peggi O'Keefe, Colorado Gaming Association, also raised discussion points and indicated support of the amendments to Rule 14. Chair Nathan accepted and incorporated material attached to a response to a cost-benefit analysis regarding the proposed amendments to Regulation 30-1403, Rule 14 as part of the Commission's consideration of the proposed amendments to that regulation.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the public comment portion of the rulemaking hearing on Limited Gaming Rules 3, 8, 10, 14, 22, 23, 26, 27 & 28.

After hearing public comments on Rule 14, the Commission publicly deliberated on the amendments.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendments to Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 3, 8, 10, 14, 22, 23, 26, 27 & 28.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing on Colorado Limited Gaming Rules 3, 8, 10, 14, 22, 23, 26, 27 & 28.

# IX. Consideration of Organizational Matters

Adoption of Public Session Minutes for August 25, 2021

The Commission approved the minutes from the August 25, 2021 public session of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission.

Cory Amend, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group, congratulated Brad Nelson and Brett Buckingham on their promotions. He also congratulated the Division staff on their hard work and dedication to the success of the sports betting unit in the wake of the first sports betting distribution.

Dan Hartman, Director, Division of Gaming, thanked Senior Director Amend for his comments and echoed his appreciation for the Division staff's great work. He also recognized and thanked the community of Cripple Creek for its hospitality in hosting the Division and Commission, providing tours and other events. He also announced that the Commission and Division staff had dinner on the evening of September 22, followed by tours of multiple casinos to gain insight on new games and projects coming to Cripple Creek. Director Hartman concluded with details of his serving on panels during the Gaming and Racing Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, as well as the International Association of Gaming Regulators Conference in Boston, MA.

Each member of the Commission thanked the City of Cripple Creek as well as casino operators for their hospitality during dinner, tours, and other events.

# Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the September 23, 2021 meeting of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission at 11:42 a.m.

Breanne Nolan, Secretary to the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission